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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT FOR RSO BROWN

REF: STATE 000433

- 1. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT RSO POSITION HAS ALREADY BEEN LANGUAGE-DESIGNATED. DEPARTMENT'S OM (PER/CA/TL) DATED AUGUST 28, 1973, LISTING APPROVED LANGUAGE-DESIGNATED POSITIONS SHOWS POSITION 50-049 AS DESIGNATED FOR ROMANIAN.
- 2. IF THIS DESIGNATION NO LONGER VALID I REQUEST THAT THE RSO POSITION BE REDESIGNATED AS A LANGUAGE POSITION AND THAT RSO BROWN'S REPLACEMENT RECEIVE ROMANIAN LANGUAGE TRAINING PRIOR ARRIVAL IN BUCHAREST.
- 3. IT IS MY JUDGEMENT THAT RSO AT THIS POST NEEDS AT LEAST AN S-3, R-3 LEVEL IN ROMANIAN TO CARRY OUT ADE-QUATELY HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF ANTI-TERRORISM. UNTIL NOW WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RELY ON THE LANGUAGE ABILITY OF OFFICERS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION TO HANDLE THE EMBASSY'S CONTACTS IN THIS FIELD. WHILE WE HAVE SATISFACTORILY MET OUR NEEDS TO DATE WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS MAKESHIFT ARRANGEMENT, IT HAS NOT BEEN A SATISFACTORY

SOLUTION. NOT ONLY DO ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION PERSONNEL HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL, MORE TO THE POINT I CONSIDER THIS FUNCTION TO BE A FUNDAMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECURITY OFFICER. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE NEEDS OF THIS POST CAN BE BEST SERVED ONLY IF THE RSO IS ABLE TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH LOCAL SECURITY OFFICIALS IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE, OF COURSE, IN EASTERN EUROPE WHERE THE NATURE OF THE RSO'S WORK DOES NOT ALLOW EXTENSIVE USE OF AN INTERPRETER.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST IN ORDER TO ENABLE RSO BROWN'S REPLACEMENT TO BEGIN ROMANIAN LANGUAGE TRAINING AT FSI ON FEBRUARY 10.
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